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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT - SECOND SESSION,  
PARIS MAY 23-30, 1978

1. DURING MAY 30 PARA BY PARA ADOPTION 2ND SESSION IIC  
REPORT, CHAIRMAN RUIZ (CUBA) RULED THAT DRAFT CHARTER  
HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT MAY 29 SESSION. USDEL  
ELICITED THIS INTERPRETATION BY ASKING CHAIRMAN WHETHER  
POSSIBILITY STILL OPEN FOR AMENDING CHARTER. (COMMENT:  
BEFORE RESERVING POSITION ON ARTICLE 8 DURING MAY 29  
DEBATE, USDEL BELIEVED IT HAD CHAIRMAN'S FORMAL  
ASSURANCES THAT CHARTER WOULD BE OPEN FOR FURTHER DEBATE  
AND VOTE DURING FINAL (MAY 30) SESSION. END COMMENT.)

2. ON RECEIVING CHAIRMAN'S RULING THAT CHARTER ALREADY  
ADOPTED, USDEL ASKED THAT REPORT SHOW THAT US HAD  
RESERVED POSITION ON ARTICLE 8 (AS IT HAD VERY CLEARLY  
DONE PER INSTRUCTIONS), AND THAT IN ABSENCE OF ACCEPTABLE  
REFORMULATION OF TITLE ARTICLE 8, THAT US WOULD ABSTAIN  
ON VOTE ON WHOLE CHARTER. AT VERY END, USDEL AGAIN  
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SOUGHT THROUGH POINT OF ORDER MOTION TO CHANGE ONE WORD  
IN CHARTER TO PERMIT US JOINING OTHER DELS IN FAVORABLE  
VOTE ON THE CHARTER. USDEL EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE US  
ATTACHED TO WORK OF COMMITTEE AND APPRECIATION IF FELT  
RE COOPERATIVENESS OF ALL COLLEAGUES. CHAIRMAN TURNED TO  
SECRETARIAT COUNSEL WHO STATED CHARTER WAS APPROVED AND  
THAT US MOTION MEANT REOPENING DEBATE ON THIS MATTER.

CHAIRMAN THEN PROCEEDED TO CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF REPORT TO WHICH CHARTER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ANNEXED. (COMMENT: CHAIRMAN'S RULING ALL THE MORE UNFORTUNATE SINCE SOUNDINGS ON SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTABLE TITLE CHANGE, SUBSTITUTING "CAN" FOR "SHOULD", INDICATED POSSIBLE MAJORITY SUPPORT. WHILE WE HAD GIVEN CHAIRMAN HIGH MARKS FOR IMPARTIALITY UP TO THIS TIME, RUIZ IN THE END WAS NOT HELPFUL, NOR WAS THE SECRETARIAT WHICH TOOK NARROWEST, MOST LEGALISTIC POSITIONS. END COMMENT.)

3. BUT MOST SALIENT ASPECT IN USDEL'S VIEW WAS COMPLETE ISOLATION IT FOUND ITSELF ON ISSUE OF MEDIA. AT NO TIME DID ANY DELEGATION SPEAK UP FOR OUR POSITION. EITHER OUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE TOO NARROWLY CAST OR THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE CONSULTATION ON THIS ISSUE WITH OUR ALLIES.

4. WRAP-UP TELEGRAM FOLLOWS.  
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